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Army Chief of Staff Praises Selected Reserve Force

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Harold K. Johnson has expressed personal appreciation to unit members of the 150,000-man Selected Reserve Force (SRF) of Army Reservists and National Guardsmen for the outstanding spirit and impressive results achieved in the year since the force was formed.

The SRF is now considered by Army to be better prepared for an emergency than any reserve force in the nation's history. It was conceived as an additional measure of support for Army's build up, which began in late summer 1965.

SRF's three divisions, six brigades and numerous smaller units began an accelerated training program to reduce the time necessary to prepare for deployment in event of mobilization. One objective was successful completion of the battalion level training tests.

Performance reports on recently completed active duty training periods show that of 423 battalions and separate companies that were tested, 86 percent successfully completed the battalion level tests.

To meet SRF objectives, assemblies were increased by 50 percent and units were given top priority for assignments of personnel and equipment. Units achieving their training requirements have had their assemblies cut from 72 to 58.

USMC Will Defer Resignation, Retirement of Some Officers

Marine Corps has decided to defer resignation and retirement requests of selected regular officers for up to a year to meet current requirements of the largest strength buildup since World War II.

The Marine Corps decision was announced by Department of Defense. Only regular officers below colonel will be affected. Among those identified for retention are ordnance, engineer, motor transport and aviation officers.

Estimates are that the program could affect around 500 of the 21,500 officers on active duty. All requests will still be considered on a case-by-case basis with certain individuals released for humanitarian reasons.

BIEN HOA STOPOVER—Greeting Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara on his brief stop at Bien Hoa Air Base is Col. Robert A. Ackerly, USAF, Commander, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing (right). Lt. Gen. Nguyen Huu Co, Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam (center), accompanies the secretary.

U.S. Economic Advisor to Attend First Asian Development Bank Meeting

President Johnson's special advisor on regional economic development, Eugene R. Black, is scheduled to depart the U.S., Oct. 26, on a visit to Asia, including attendance at the inaugural meeting of the Asian Development Bank in Tokyo.

During his visit to more than ten nations Mr. Black will discuss with Asian leaders and heads of international and regional organizations those policies and programs "they consider most promising for rapid economic development and regional cooperation."

A White House announcement said the trip was planned in advance of the invitation by Philippine President Marcos for the Chiefs of State conference in Manila, but relates closely to those aspects of the Manila conference which focus on broad questions of long-range development and betterment throughout Asia.

Mr. Black will report his findings to the President and Congressional leaders.

Washington Memos

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY of Defense for Far Eastern Affairs is 34-year-old Richard C. Steadman, who assumed his new post in October after serving in it since late July in an acting capacity. Earlier Mr. Steadman served as consultant and special assistant to Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs John T. McNaughton.

NATO SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE meeting held in Washington Oct. 17-18 under auspices of NATO Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Development concerned microelectronics and its application to aerospace equipment. Speakers from Britain, France, Germany, as well as United States were included in program of lectures.

MAJOR ARMY COMMANDERS have been advised that the approved Army Community Service (ACS) Volunteer Pin is available for purchase from a commercial source. Manufacturer's address and pertinent information is in an Office of The Adjutant General letter, "Army Community Service Volunteer Pin," Oct. 5, 1966.

NASA RESEARCH GRANTS awarded in mid-October to 30 universities and research institutions totalled more than $3 million. $75,000 grant went to University of California at Berkeley to study "Physiological Mechanisms of Hibernation in Hibernatore Living at High Altitudes."

MEMBERS OF USAF IN EUROPE cut costs by approximately $53 million during the past fiscal year by devising new, less expensive ways of getting the job done. Announcement of multi-million dollar savings came from AF headquarters in Washington when it praised USAFE for surpassing its Fiscal Year 1966 cost reduction goal of $41.9 million.

DIRECTOR GENERAL of the Japan Defense Agency, Ekichi Kambayashiyama, is visiting the United States as guest of Secretary of Defense McNamara, Oct. 9-24. He received full military honors at the Pentagon, Oct. 12, with Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance as host, representing SecDef who was in South Vietnam. Mr. Kambayashiyama will also meet with Departments of State and Treasury officials and with Secretary McNamara. The director general's schedule includes visits to military and space facilities, plus Air Force Academy and Naval Academy.

GEMINI SPACE PROGRAM has resulted in the award of astronaut wings to 11 pilots, bringing the combined Mercury-Gemini total to 17 Americans who have won their space wings.

USS LONG BEACH, world's first nuclear surface ship, has been refueled only once in five years at sea. Ship traveled 30,000 miles, including an around-the-world trip, on two reactors before having them replaced in latter part of 1965.

DDR&E DEPUTY DIRECTOR C. S. Fowler, 45, who took oath of office at a Pentagon ceremony Oct. 12, comes from industry, 21 years with the Airborne Instrument Laboratory, where he has made significant contributions in air traffic control, air defense and radar techniques. His full title is Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering for Tactical Warfare Programs. He is responsible for supervision and management of research, development, test and evaluation programs relating to tactical warfare. He succeeds Dr. Thomas P. Cheatham who has returned to private business.

1967 OCEANOGRAPHIC SYMPOSIUM will be held in Washington May 10-12, 1967 at Naval Research Laboratory. Interested scientists and military men can expect call for papers and applications for invitations to be issued in December. Further information obtainable from Office of Oceanographer of Navy, Bldg. 200, Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

CIVIC ACTIONS IN Dominican Republic before pull-out of Inter-American Peace Force show U. S. Army built 12 hospitals and gave medical treatment to 141,500 persons. Army also provided technical skills and equipment assisting Dominicans to build eight schools in isolated villages. These actions, among others, point to continuing emphasis placed on civic action programs by Army.

NINE SHIPYARD COMMANDERS conferred for three days in Washington in mid-October, exchanging views on shipyard management and technical matters. Meeting—19th annual conference—was held under auspices of RAdm. Edward J. Fahy, Commander of Naval Ship Systems Command.

UNSUNG GROUND CREWMEN in Vietnam was a major theme of a recent speech given by Tactical Air Commander Gen. G. P. Disosway. "They function daily, keeping aircraft in commission, arming aircraft, tending to communications or medical facilities, preparing food, and performing innumerable other tasks. They show the same drive for excellence that brought undying fame and public gratitude to the GI of World War II and Korea." The General said he would like to see news stories bringing home this fact to the American people.

ARMY COMMANDERS CONFERENCE will be held at Hqs., Department of the Army, Nov. 28-30. Principal DA staff agencies and selected subordinate commands will make presentations. Command Sergeants Major Conference will be held in Washington, D. C., in conjunction with commanders conference.

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Air Force Chief of Staff Outlines New Approach to Military Preparedness

Air Force Chief of Staff General John P. McConnell has outlined a new approach for preparedness to meet conflicts of the future, whether local crises, large-scale limited war or nuclear aggression.

"We must be fully prepared to act or react and to deter or, if necessary," General McConnell said, "fight at any level across the entire spectrum of conflict intensity."

Noting this to be a big order, the general noted, "we can fill it effectively and economically only through a well-planned management approach which is designed for the whole conflict spectrum, rather than rely on unplanned 'ad hoc' strategies."

Speaking before the American Ordnance Association annual Defense Preparedness meeting, General McConnell said, "we are gradually turning to what may be called the 'Military Strategy of Conflict Management.'"

He explained that this wide-ranging strategic concept serves the following objectives:

- Deter nuclear war by maintaining a sufficient margin of strategic superiority to assure the destruction of any aggressor and to keep the potential damage to ourselves within acceptable limits.
- Endeavor to deter conflicts at all lower levels of intensity and, if deterrence should fail, keep such conflicts at the lowest possible level and help resolve them to our advantage.
- Assist in the resolution of local crises and help prevent them from expanding into armed conflict.

General McConnell went on to tell of force structure requirements, pointing out, "I am confident that, through wise management and good judgment, we can obtain and maintain a force structure that meets the military demands of the future and yet impose no undue strain on our economy and resources."

Da Nang Pier Complex Doubled in Capability

Three deep draft piers that will double the present off-load capability of military supplies at Da Nang have been dedicated coinciding with the first anniversary of the Naval Support Activity, Da Nang, which operates the piers.

In officially naming the pier complex "Thong Nhat (Allied) piers," the mayor of Da Nang, Mr. Le Chi Cuong predicted that they will remind the people of Da Nang for years to come of the common goals of the Vietnamese and American peoples.

U.S. Navy officials said six large ships can be accommodated at one time and an estimated 5,400 short tons off-loaded every four hours.

IN APPRECIATION — Lt. Gen. Richard C. Mangrum, Assistant Commandant of USMC, presents a memento of appreciation to former world light heavyweight boxing champion Archie Moore for Moore's efforts to entertain Marines during his visit to Vietnam.

Army Message Clarifies Rules On EM Promotion List Removal

Names may not be removed from an Army enlisted recommended promotion list for any reason other than due cause, administrative error when determined ineligible for consideration, or transfer from the command.

This is the message sent to Army commanders further clarifying the system authorized last February where lists are prepared showing a person's relative standing for promotion. The message's intent is to insure consistent application Army-wide.

The system is similar to that for commissioned and warrant officers, differing in that lists are compiled on the unit or command level, rather than on a centralized Army-wide basis. It is the first step toward what may later become a centralized system for enlisted promotions.

Army's message points out that an individual may not be removed from the list for such reasons as position elimination, lack of position vacancy in the individual's MOS, or because the MOS is on the frozen list.

Those not promoted because of any of these reasons will remain on the list and be placed at the top of lists established by later boards until the individual is promoted.

Each individual will be promoted to fill vacancies for which qualified before anyone who is later selected in his MOS and grade, unless the person is removed from the list for cause.

Navy Increases FY68 Nurse Recruiting Quota

The Navy expects its nurse shortage to continue through FY69 and has increased accordingly the recruiting quota for the Navy Nurse Corps Senior Candidate Program from 150 to 250 for FY68.

This program provides financial assistance for student nurses studying for a B.S. in nursing during their senior year.

It gives nurses while still in college six months pay and allowances of an officer candidate and six months pay and allowances of an ensign, plus books and tuition.

The Navy said that applications for this program have always exceeded quotas in the past and that it does not anticipate difficulties in filling 100 extra spaces.

Coast Guard Sets Date For Academy Competition

The next annual competition for appointment of cadets to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will commence with the Dec. 3 administration of the college entrance examination board tests. The examinations will be given in over three-thousand test centers in the U.S. and overseas.

Appointment to the Academy is obtained through nationwide competition only; there are no congressional appointments or state quotas. The four-year curriculum at the Academy leads to a bachelor of science degree and commission as ensign in the USCG.

Competition is open to any unmarried, qualified young man, military or civilian, who will have reached his 17th but not his 22nd birthday on July 1, 1967, and is in good physical condition.

Requests for information concerning appointments and the requirements may be addressed to the Director of Admissions, United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., 06320.

COMMAND BRIEFING — U.S. Ambassador to Austria James W. Riddleberger, meets with Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara, USAREUR Commander in Chief, in Heidelberg, and receives a command briefing. Later, the Ambassador visited the Central Army Group Headquarters at nearby Seckenheim.

Army Lab Makes Progress Toward 'Safe' Aviation Fuel

Scientists are making major breakthroughs in developing a "safe" fuel, according to an announcement from Army's Aviation Materiel Laboratories (AVLABS), Ft. Eustis, Va.

Chemical emulsifiers have been found effective in reducing inflammable vapors which cause aircraft fires. The liquid thickening agents change the fuel's thin quality to a grease-like substance.

The fuel additive will reduce fire hazards about 91 percent, according to Francis P. McCourt, head of AVLABS' safety and survivability division and discoverer of the emulsifier's effectiveness.

He said the density, rate of flow and combustibility of the "safe" fuel has had promising results in aircraft engines so far. Further environmental tests will be made to check reliability under various altitudes and temperatures.

USMC Lists Quarters Available to Dependents Of Overseas Personnel

Dependents of overseas Marine Corps personnel may apply for government quarters at more than a dozen military installations located in virtually every corner of the nation.

"Both officer and enlisted quarters are available in most cases," a Marine Corps Headquarters announcement stated.

Personnel who qualify for housing should address queries to the "Housing Officer" at the following stations: MCB, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.; NAD, Crane, Ind.; Ft. Riley, Kan.; NAS, Olathe, Kan.; Schilling AFB, Salina, Kan.; Loring AFB, Me.; K. I. Sawyer AFB, N. Mex.; White Sands Missile Range, N. Mex.; Plattsburg AFB, N.Y.; and James Conally AFB, Texas.

Three exceptions were Crane, Ind., available only for enlisted quarters, and Sawyer AFB in Michigan and Hollman AFB in New Mexico with only officer quarters.

NASA Scientist Charts Future Space Progress

A look beyond the Moon to manned exploration of Mars and perhaps Venus was a major futuristic point Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner made in his "Space Progress" speech Oct. 7 at the annual awards ceremony held in Washington by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

He cautioned that before man lands on Mars or Venus a thorough unmanned and intimate preliminary survey of these planets is imperative.

"So the strategy of a manned landing on Mars and perhaps Venus is a long one—of the order of two decades —with many essential intervening and precedent steps."

Dr. Berkner underscored that "the scientific rewards of such exploration are great," pointing out that as Earth becomes overcrowded it becomes critical to all mankind to know how stable our own environment really is.

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